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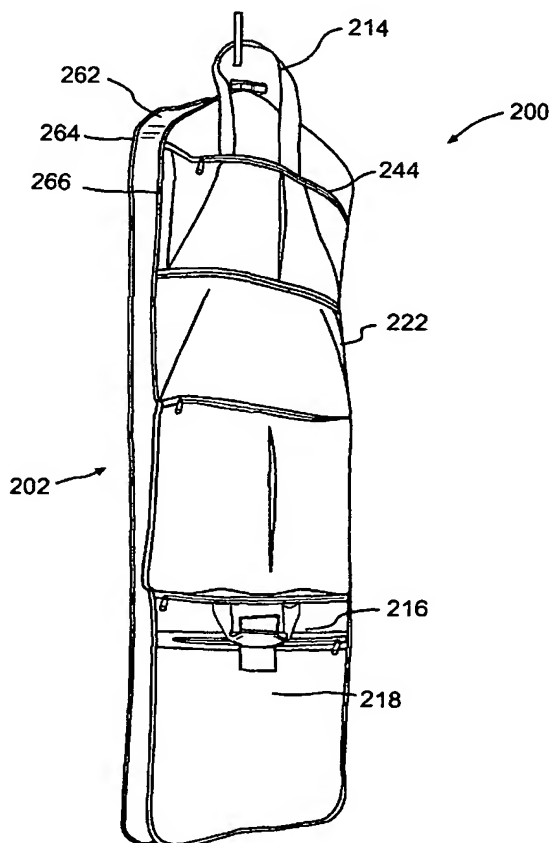
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(57) Abstract: A flexible tri-fold garment bag (200) has an elongate integral body with a front (202) and rear (222) flexible panel and a peripheral side panel (262) connected to the front and rear flexible panel along the mutual peripheral edges thereof. A top flexible strap handle is connected at the top of the bag to the rear panel (222), and a mid flexible strap handle (216) is connected to the rear panel at the upper end of a lower one-third of the bag body. The top handle is longer than the mid handle so that the thickness of the bag body when filled with garments can be accommodated.



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**Continuation of Box I Reason 2:**

Claim 19 does not appear to be supported by the description. There doesn't appear to be any description of a top pocket with an outer section, a peripheral gusset connected along an inner peripheral edge of said outer section to said rear panel top section and connected along an outer peripheral edge of said outer section to an inner peripheral edge thereof to said rear panel top section and connected along an outer peripheral edge thereof to a peripheral edge of said outer section. The outer section and inner and outer peripheral edges have not been clearly described or identified in the drawings.